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LEE KUAN YEW ARRIVES FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 2 (Bernama) -- Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew arrived here today for a four-day visit aimed at enhancing ties between Singapore and Malaysia -- two neighbours which have a shared history.

He was met on arrival at the KL International Airport in Sepang by Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Dr Leo Michael Toyad.

Lee last visited Malaysia in August last year during which he and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad discussed the package of bilateral issues that had on and off strained ties between the two countries.

The issues, apart from other bilateral matters, are expected to be taken up at the senior minister's meeting with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department in Putrajaya.

The issues in the package are a new water supply agreement with Singapore, the relocation of the Malaysian Customs Centre from the Tanjung Pagar Railway Station and the development of Malaysia-owned railway land in Singapore.

The others are the use of Malaysian airspace by the Republic of Singapore Air Force and the withdrawal by Peninsular Malaysians of their contributions to Singapore's Central Provident Fund.

Lee is also expected to meet Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and other senior Malaysian ministers.

Singapore joined Malaysia in 1963 but left the federation two years later and became independent. It is now a prosperous island nation of about four million people.

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